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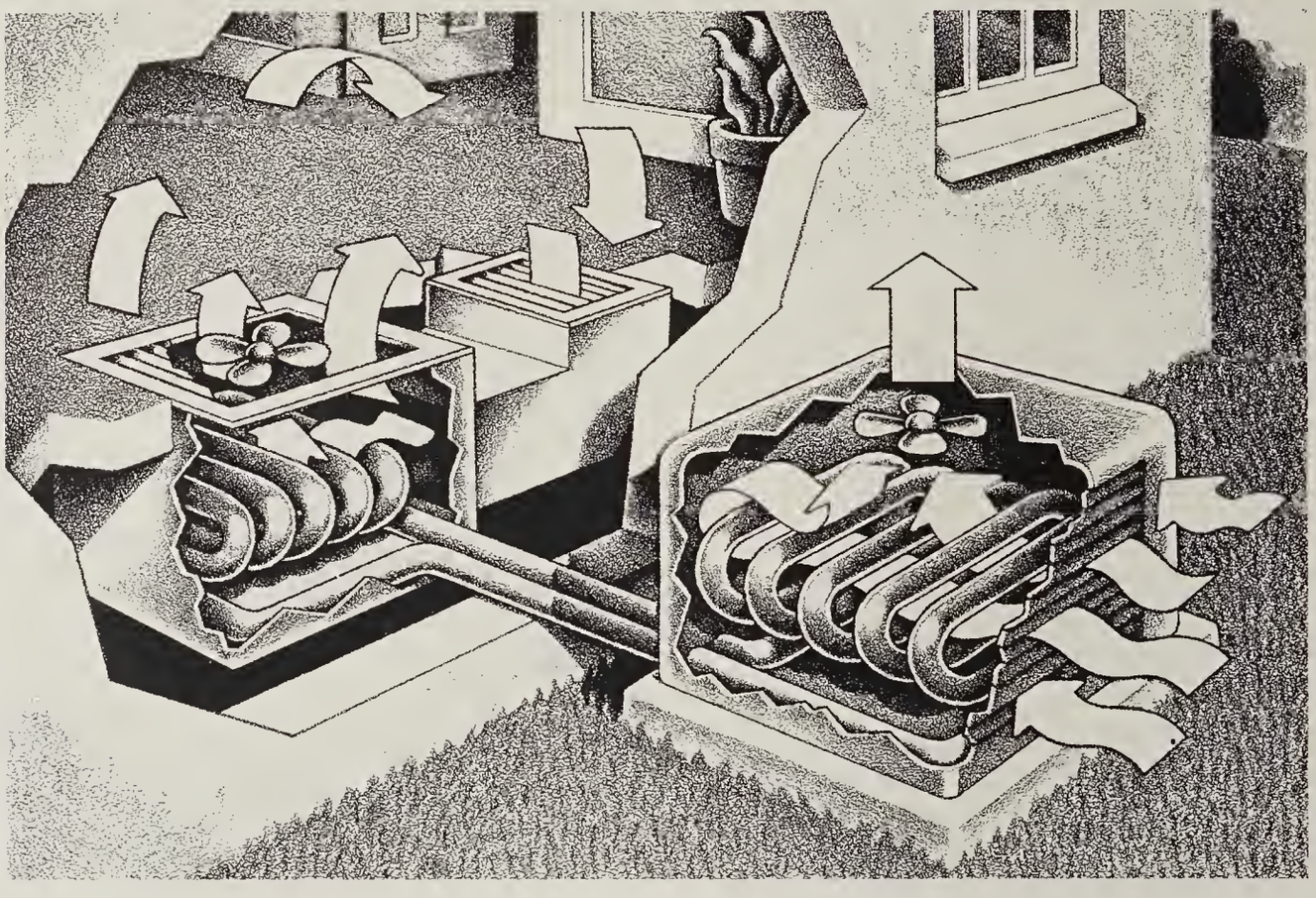

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)oes The USA Still Need REA?

The following editorial was written by J. C. m, editor of Rural Electrification *magazine* Rural Electric Newsletter, *publications of Tational Rural Electric Cooperative Associ-i. The Haywood County native is a former ager of North Carolina's statewide organi-n of electric co-ops and a former editor of* lina Country *magazine (then known as* Carolina Farmer).

Does the United States still need the Rural rification Administration (REA)?

That's the question. It's not whether this or cooperative needs the REA. Rather, it is her or not the country needs a federal pro- whose purpose is to see that there is ade- electric service on reasonable terms in the n's rural areas.

The question is whether you or I can go to any inhabited place in the United States, eliable electric service at reasonable cost, down and do business, or just relax and h TV.

Until about 17 years ago, nobody was ask-ıe question, except for the investor-owned r companies which didn't so much ask as er (in the negative). It was taken for ed by most of us that the country needed Then, just before New Year's, 1973, ırd Nixon decided REA was no longer ed, and in a news release tried to wipe it nd transfer its functions to the Farmers Administration.

Congress said REA was needed and showed llingness to reinstate it just as it was before; ver, with the support of NRECA (National Electric Cooperative Association), it ged the program from one based solely on priations to an off-budget operation offer-w-interest loans from a Revolving Fund as ıs federal guarantees of private loans (to ıde primarily to generation and transmis-cooperatives).

n the following years, impatient friends ıean-spirited foes alike have asked the ion, "Do we need REA?" Some co-op man- have raised the question out of exaspera- vith the way the program was administered President Reagan.

Reagan's REA administrator didn't want to make loans at all and set out to convince the public and Congress that the USA didn't need REA.

While he didn't get Congress to change the law or accept his restrictive budgets, he made it difficult for cooperatives to borrow from the agency.

Just as big a threat to a national program of rural electrification as the loss of loan funds was an effort of Reagan's REA people to terminate the engineering standards section.

Nothing has been more important to the popularity of the REA program than this small section, which sets standards for construction and materials.

High REA standards has meant high-quality service. If you don't comply with these standards, you don't get an REA loan.

Low-cost money, area coverage, compliance with engineering standards, and non-profit operations are the key components of a federal program that assures the USA of universal rural electric service.

At its most charitable, the Reagan administration conceded that there were a few cooperatives so poorly located that they might qualify for low-interest loans under a "needs test."

How do we define who needs REA? The fact that REA is a national program strongly suggests that all of us are the beneficiaries.

That national interest endures. It is represented by the REA, low-cost loans and high standards of construction and maintenance. Get rid of REA, and you'll have 1,000 comparatively small utilities, partly located in areas that are very thinly populated and unattractive from a utility standpoint.

Some of these co-ops would have good service; but many would try to keep rates reasonable by eliminating area coverage, reducing maintenance, and forgetting about continuity of service.

With REA and its borrowers, America has removed electric service as a limiting factor in choosing where we want to live. Having that choice is in the national interest. Keeping it will require a continued federal presence in rural electrification and nobody can provide that as well as REA.

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Cover: Judy Cheney's "Blue Ridge Summ

Our cover illustration this month is titled "Blue Ridge Summer." an original painting by Judy Cheney of Rt. 1, Horse Shoe, a fulltime art whose work has been featured in national publications and nationally distributed greeting cards.

A Kentucky native who has made her home in Henderson Count the past 10 years, Mrs. Cheney specializes in "primitive" or "naive" st paintings and posters. She is a former newspaper reporter, columnist illustrator.

"Blue Ridge Summer" is available as a signed-and-numbered lim print. It has an image size of 13 1/2" x 17 1/2" on 17" x 22" paper. print is priced at $65 each, including postage. North Carolina residen should add 5 percent for sales tax. Send orders to J. Cheney's Origina Brillig Press, P.O. Box 844, Horse Shoe, NC 28742.

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Readers,

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ou're not careful."

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iation's *National Electrical Code Hand-*
as he discussed the hazards of outdoor
ocution.

he hazards are quite real for people who
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out for power lines. Some safety experts
e people are more at risk outside because
on't expect electricity to be a threat once
ove outdoors.

he article on page 22 examines this prob-
detail and offers suggestions for avoiding
from electricity.

ther stories of particular interest in this
nclude the feature on plans for the A. A.
ngham Air Museum in Havelock, page 10,
e profile of a Brunswick County woman
saluting linemen through cross-stitch
se she has family ties to four of them,
6.

his issue does not include one article we'd
lly scheduled for it: Part II of our series
ning the efforts of North Carolina Electric
ership Corporation (NCEMC) to expand
ver supply resources.

fter Part I appeared in our May edition,
evelopments arose that have prompted
C to set aside plans for the company's
ed Deep Gap peaking plant. See story,
6, for details. As a result of that decision,
tewide co-op organization will be re-ex-
g its strategies for providing power
h the 1990s. As those plans are re-shaped,
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. and Mrs. Robert Fine of Rt. 21, Lexing-
h ordered steel buildings from the firm in response to ads in the magazine. In both cases, the units were paid for but never delivered before the company closed its doors.

After each couple made separate unsuccessful efforts to obtain a refund on their orders, they joined forces in an effort to persuade the Federal Bureau of Investigation to check into the matter.

"The FBI can enter this only if there has been a loss by Quantico customers in North Carolina totaling at least $10,000," said Mrs. Fine. "The losses in these two cases don't amount to that much so we're very interested in finding others who've had this same kind of problem. If we could get one more party to join us, we would probably be able to get the FBI involved."

If you want to join the effort, write or call Neill McK. Ross, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 186, Lillington, NC 27546. Phone: (919) 893-3337.

One of our readers wrote us recently about how much she likes our cover illustrations, noting that she's been saving one favorite cover for nearly 30 years.

"I read all this magazine," wrote Luty G. Parlier of Rt. 1, Lenoir. "I learn from it and enjoy it very much. It is good. The covers are great. The ones that take me back to earlier days are so enjoyable. I have kept the magazine of November, 1960. It is now worn and torn. I have enjoyed it! Now, the January, 1990, issue is here and I can 'go home again.' Thanks for a good magazine."

The January issue featured Dempsey Essick's painting, "Good Morning Miss DeLapp," depicting a 103-year-old house in Davidson County.

Back in November, 1960, when the magazine was known as *The Carolina Farmer,* the cover illustration was a photograph by Max Tharpe. It's reproduced here. An item in that edition said only that the photo showed a scene near Boone. There was no identification of the farm or of the man in the picture.

That same photo had stirred the interest of another reader several years ago because she thought the man in the scene was her grandfather. The inquiry came from Mrs. Ruth Rupard of Gatlinburg, TN. We sent her a copy of the cover, saying we'd try to find the original photo in our files if it proved to be a shot of her grandfather.

We heard nothing further about it until last year, when Mrs. Rupard's son, Larry D. Rupard of Knoxville, followed up to see if we could locate the picture. Although we were unable to find the photo, we discovered an extra copy of the magazine and sent its cover to the son.

Best regards,

Owen Bishop

The Late Katie Bunch

Scholarship Named In Honor Of Voluntee

A Scotland County woman who was involved in volunteer programs of Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Wadesboro, for nearly 30 years has been given a posthumous tribute by the Women's Advisory Committee of North Carolina's statewide organization of electric co-ops.

The women's group has named a $500 annual scholarship in honor of Katie Bunch of Rt. 2, Laurel Hill, who died in December. She was the wife of Archie Bunch, who served for 19 years on the board of Pee Dee EMC and was president of that board for six years. He is now a director emeritus.

Mrs. Bunch, who had been an active volunteer with Pee Dee EMC since 1961, was a charter member of the co-op's Women's Committee. She also held local and statewide offices in the rural electric women's organizatio

The scholarship will be awarded by the statewide group to recognize a participant in Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, a summer program for high school students.

The co-op women's group also awards a $1,000 scholarship annually to a member of t previous year's tour. It's the Gwyn B. Price Sc arship, named in honor of an Ashe County m who helped spearhead the development of el tric co-ops in North Carolina. He is an honorary director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

Both scholarships will be awarded to recipients on the basis o scholastic achievement, financial need and extra-curricular activiti in the school and community.

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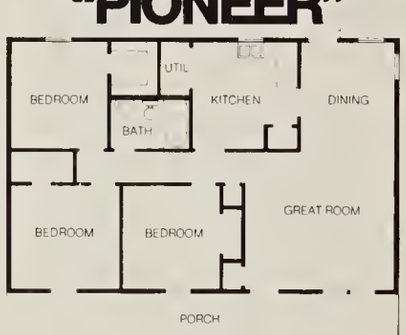

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Rockfish Summer Craft Show Slated

All types of crafts will be available for purchase at the Rockfish Summer Craft Show June 30 at the Rockfish Plaza in Wallace.

The show, which will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will be part of the town's pre-Independence Day celebration that will culminate with fireworks.

For more information on the event, contact the Rockfish Summer Craft Show, P.O. Box 552, Wallace, NC 28466.

Spruce Pine Hosts 1990 Gem Festival

Exhibitors from around the country will be displaying their best specimens at the 33rd Annual North Carolina Mineral & Gem Festival, Aug. 1-5, at the Pinebridge Coliseum in Spruce Pine.

The show, one of the largest in the southeast, will feature numerous exhibits and local field trips to area mines.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, contact the Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce, Rt. 1, Box 796, Spruce Pine, NC 28777. Phone: (704) 765-9483. Toll-free: (800) 227-3912.

Blowing Rock To Showcase Area Homes

Blowing Rock will feature some of the town's finest homes in the 30th Annual Tour of Homes July 27.

The event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include a tour of area homes, transportation and a tea.

For more information, contact the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 406, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.

Photo courtesy N. C. Museum of Art

Special Exhibits At Art Museum

Two special exhibitions will be running throughout the summer at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh.

Works by 44 North Carolina artists will be exhibited through Aug. 12 in the "North Carolina Artists Exhibition 1990." The show features various types of art by current residents of the state.

"Red-figure Attic Vases from the Walters Art Gallery" will feature vases, many of which are more than 2,000 years old. The exhibition will run through Aug. 26.

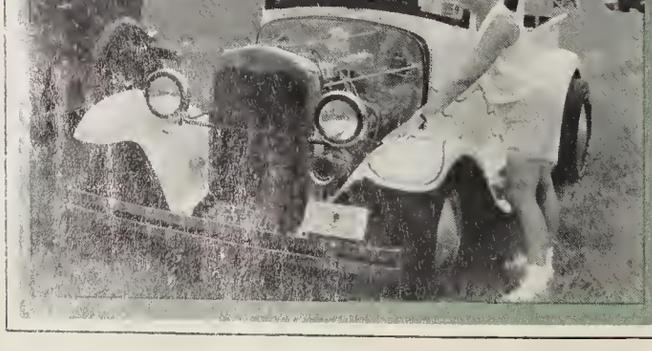
For more information on any of the museum's exhibitions, write or call the N. C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27607. Phone: (919) 833-1935.

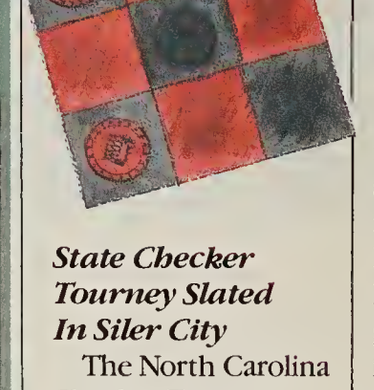
Antique Car Show Set In Waxhaw

About 200 classic automobiles will be on display at the North Carolina Antique Car Show July 21 in downtown Waxhaw.

The 10th annual show, sponsored by the Waxhaw Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, will feature competitions in 30 classes, with awards going to more than 95 cars.

For more information, contact Jim Howie, chairman, P.O. Box 13, Waxhaw, NC 28173. Phone: (704) 843-3085.





State Checker Tourney Slated In Siler City

The North Carolina Checker Tournament, the state's official checker championship, will be held July 4-6 in Siler City.

The tournamen will be divided int two classes—majo and minors. The e fee is $10.

For more inform tion, contact Dwig Williams, Siler Cit Recreation and Pa P.O. Box 769, Sile City, NC 27344. Phone: (919) 742-2460.

Arboretum Hea Gets NCSU Awa

Dr. Henry M. (Marc) Cathey, a Mecklenburg Cou native from David and director of th National Arboretu in Washington, ha received the annu Distinguished Alu nus Award of the North Carolina St University Colleg Agriculture and L Sciences.

Dr. Cathey was selected for the h by a vote of the C lege of Agricultur Life Sciences facu

A widely recog nized horticultur scientist, Dr. Cath received his bach lor's degree from NCSU in 1950. Hi graduate degrees from Cornell Uni sity. He joined th Department of A culture in 1956 a became director

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The concert will be part of the university's Appalachian Summer, a season of cultural entertainment which will include performances by the N. C. Dance Festival and the N. C. Shakespeare Festival.

Jones, star of such movie musicals as "Oklahoma," "Carousel" and "The Music Man," and the TV series "The Partridge Family," will perform popular songs from Broadway at ASU's Kidd Brewer Stadium.

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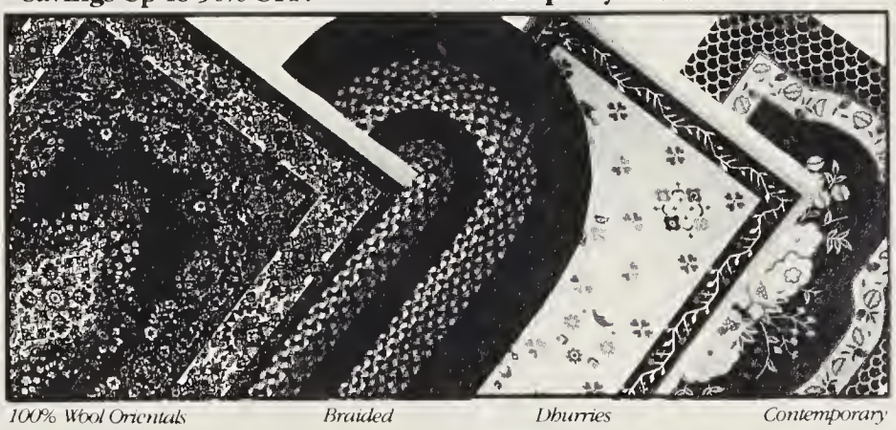

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Havelock Site Selected

Museum: Preserving The Marines' 'Proud Histor

Jim Mead likes a good story. He'd like to preserve one, too.

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WBeeless

It's the A. A. Cunningham Air Museum, named in honor of the first Marine pilot.

Right now, it's little more than a sketch in Mead's office. In a few years it could be the Marine Corps' No. 1 attraction in the country.

Mead, who is director of the museum foundation, has devoted his time to the project for the past two years because of his interest in good stories—especially authentic war stories.

"I got involved for the World War II guys, the guys who fought in Korea and Vietnam," said Mead, who was stationed at Cherry Point when he retired in 1988.

"Their stories will be lost if we don't have a place to tell them. These men are getting older. If we don't do someth my grandchildren will never know about them."

With an initial price tag of $9 million and 65,000 square feet of d play space, the A. A. Cunningham Air Museum is expected to comma national attention as soon as it opens its doors.

Mead said plans call for expanding the facility to eventually provi for a total of more than 100,000 square feet of display space.

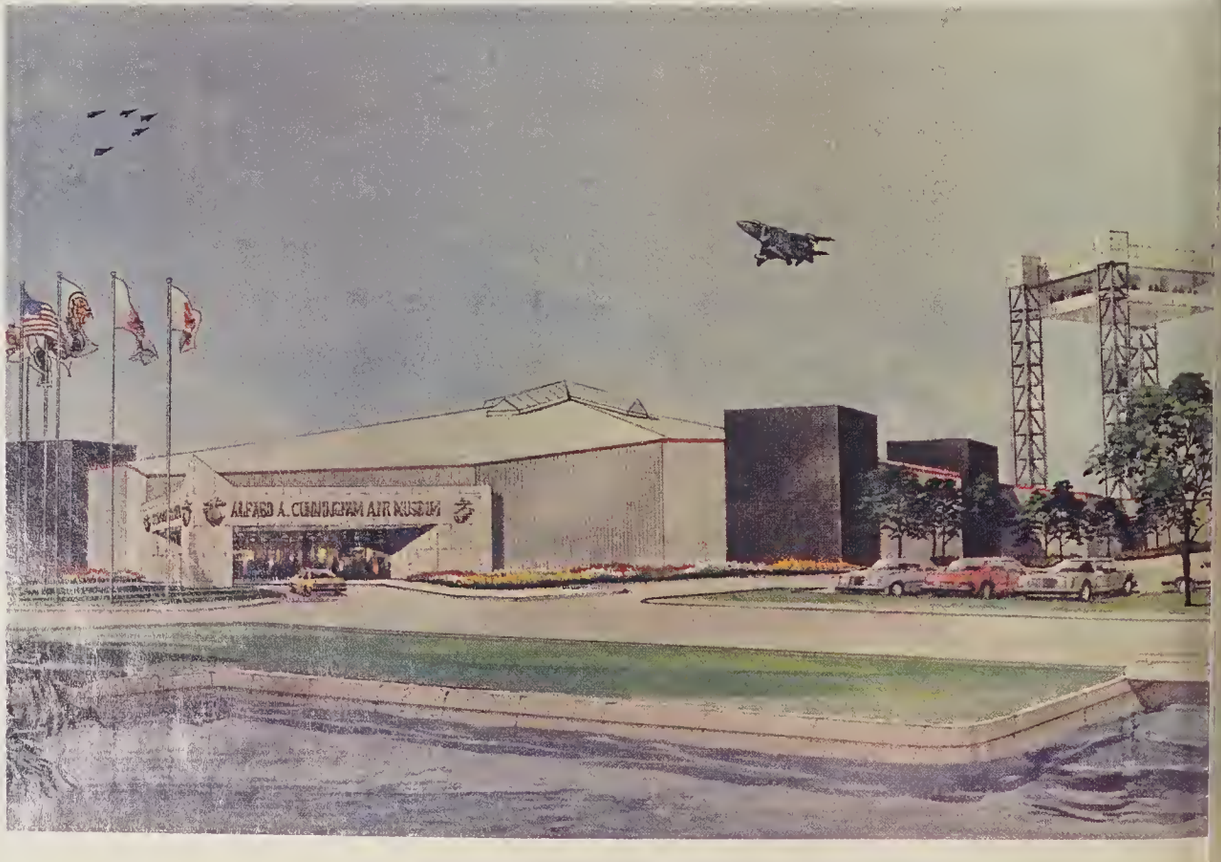
It is a project that the Marine Corps is clearly excited about. The Corps has set aside 67 acres for the museum just across the highway from Cherry Point in Havelock and will also provide all the aircraft to displayed in the museum. A total of 45 planes are already in Havelock awaiting space in the museum.

The museum will be similar to other military aviation museums around the country, Mead said. Before joining the project, he visited t Navy museum in Pensacola, FL, and the Air Force museum in Dayton,

"The Marines have such a proud history, it stood to reason that t should have their own museum," the general said.

The Marine Corps has been generous in contributing the land ar aircraft, but no Corps funds will support the construction and operat of the museum. That has left Mead and the museum foundation with their greatest challenge: finding the money.

Although support has grown slowly, Mead said, it has been solid. The state of North Carolina has been a major contributor. Various Tar



An artist's rendition of the A. A. Cunningham Air Museum, which was designed by Paul K. Y. Chen, New York, the same architect who designed the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. The proposed Marine Corps museum at Havelock will feature a 150-foot tower that will allow visitors to view aircraft in action at the nearby Cherry Point Air Station.

businesses have also done their share. For nple, the foundation's offices were donated orth Carolina National Bank in Havelock.

Mead said that Havelock is a perfect place ne museum. He estimated that about 00 Marines lived in the region.

"This area has had a long relationship with Marines."

The museum is expected to provide an nomic bonanza" for the surrounding area, ging in tourist dollars year-round, according ead.

Two separate, independent studies pro- d that about 500,000 visitors would go gh the museum in its first year—to see the in aviation technology and the fighter s that saw action in past wars.

"People are turned on by today's technol- Mead said. "They also like to see the old lines."

The museum will have plenty of both. Some aircraft will date back to World War I.

Construction on the museum is expected gin in the summer of 1991. When it's fin- , Mead hopes it'll be a museum that tells ory of the Marines in ways that will allow sitors to reach out and touch.

"I want things to be hands-on," he said. "I a youngster to come and sit in the cockpit ghter. Of course, the machinery will be the tion, but I want visitors to leave knowing the story of the Marines."

As a career Marine, Mead wants to make he A. A. Cunningham Museum lives up to oud reputation of the Corps.

"With all that is happening in the world— erlin Wall and Eastern Europe—maybe it's o spend a few dollars to remember what this country great," he said. "We shouldn't it."

—Randy Wheeless

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f you would like to contribute to the A. A. ingham Air Museum, or want more details, or call the A. A. Cunningham Air Museum lation, NCNB Building, Office 100, 7 West Main St., Havelock, NC 28532. Phone: 447-0573. Toll-free: (800) 347-0573.

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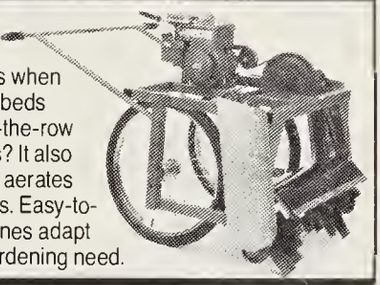

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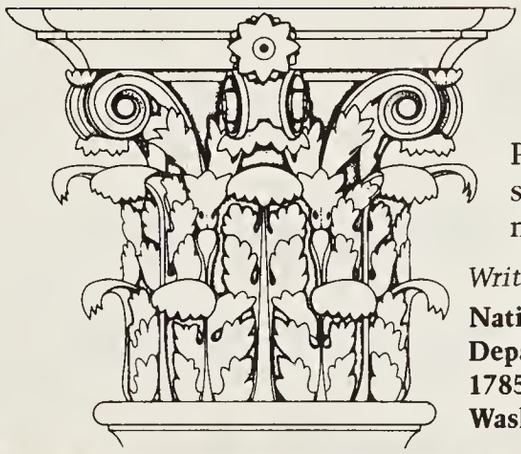

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Under the program, landowners sign a contract with the state giving law enforcen officials permission to enter the landowner property to apprehend and arrest drug grov The landowner posts special signs indicati that the property is participating in the pro

Lt. Gov. Gardner said drug dealers do usually grow marijuana on their own land f fear of asset forfeiture.

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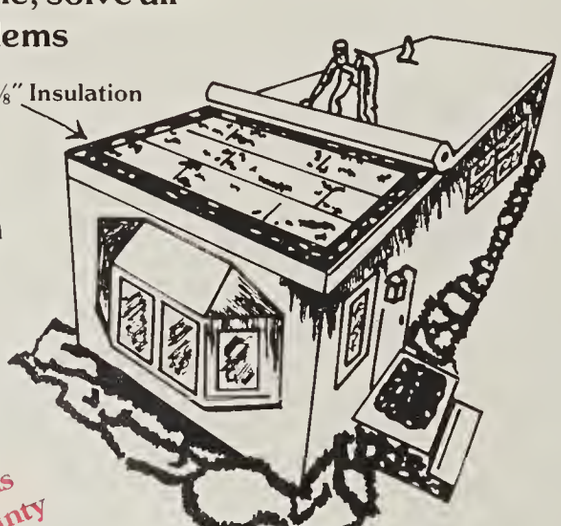

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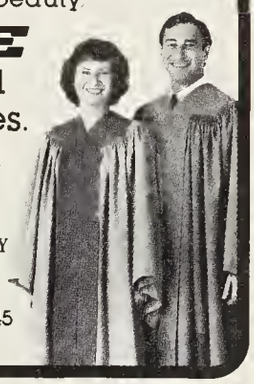

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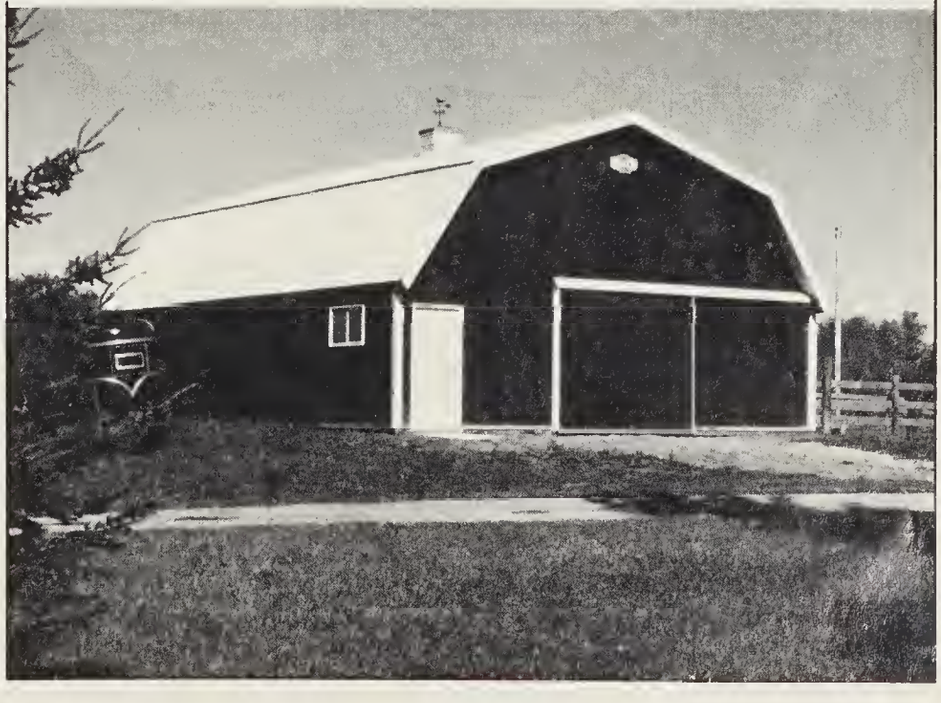

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Submitted by Jane Clendenin, Raleigh

1 box white cake mix
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1 C club soda
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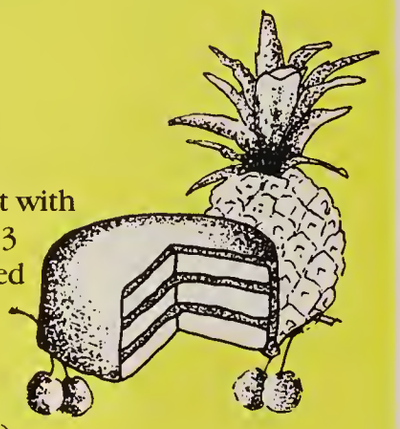
1/2 C oil
1 small jar red cherries (drained)
1 large can crushed pineapple (drained)
1/2 C chopped pecans



Combine cake mix, pudding mix, club soda, eggs and oil. Beat with mixer. Then stir in cherries, pineapple and nuts with spoon. Make 3 layers. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until done. (For added color, use 1/2 jar red and 1/2 jar green cherries.)

Frosting:

1 C chopped pecans
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NCEMC Will Not Build Peaking Plan

The Board of Directors of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) has decided not to proceed with plans for building its proposed peaking generation facility in Watauga County.

The decision affecting the Deep Gap facility was based upon insufficient support from opinion leaders and the consumer-members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lenoir.

"As a non-profit rural electric co-op organization sensitive to the wishes of co-op consumer-members, North Carolina EMC has no wish to proceed with this project when a majority of the local residents did not support it," said NCEMC Executive Vice President Wayne D. Keller.

"The Deep Gap project was technically sound and economically feasible and would have answered a need for peaking generation—a need which will become even more critical as time goes on. With the option for peaking generation in Deep Gap removed, we must explore new alternatives."

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Keller said recent surveys showed public support for the project increased from the project announcement in the summer of 1989 until mid-May. However, the lack of support from key opinion leaders in the community led Blue Ridge EMC's board to adopt a resolution May 12 asking that NCEMC drop plans for the project.

Keller said: "This was a difficult decision because much time and money has been spent. And because it leaves us with the very real problem of what to do to meet the growing demand for power during peak periods. There were other reasons for our action: our respect for the wishes of the Blue Ridge EMC board: the costly, time-consuming delays in the licensing process; and opposition to the site from many people in the immediate area."

The decision does not affect NCEMC's plans for peaking diesel generators at Buxton and Ocracoke on the Outer Banks. Both the 12-megawatt plant at Buxton and the 3-megawatt plant at Ocracoke are scheduled to be on-line by this fall.

The Deep Gap facility was projected to cost just under $20 million. More than $12 million has already been committed to the project, including contracts for the 10 diesel generators and other associated equipment.

NCEMC must now find a way to use or sell the diesel generators scheduled for Deep Gap, said Keller.

NCEMC has withdrawn its request for approval of the project from the North Carolina Utilities Commission and has informed the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in Washington, DC, that plans for the plant have been shelved. NCEMC was awaitin approval of the project from both agencies.

The organization also returned the Air Quality Permit for the plant to the N. C. Divis of Environmental Management, which issued in February.

Keller said NCEMC will continue to prepare for future growth in peak demands for electrical energy. When demand for electrici climbs, NCEMC controls loads in order to cu demand.

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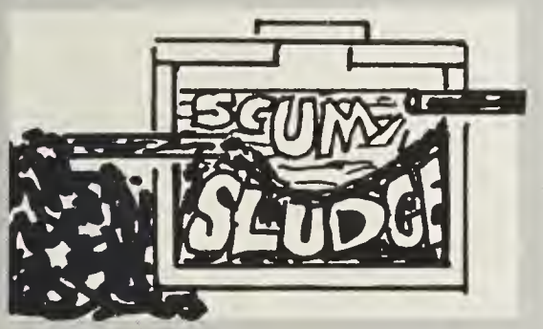

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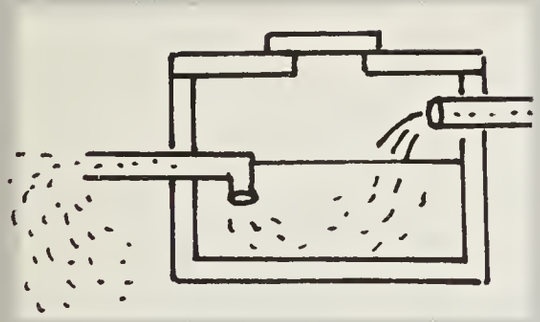

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North Carolina Thrift Institutions Remain "Very Strong" Despite National S&L Crisis

In response to the article, "Taxpayers Will Pay The Piper In The S&L Crisis," published in the April, 1990, edition of *Carolina Country,* I must point out that you omitted a very important fact: North Carolina is different. Because your magazine targets North Carolina readers, omission of that very important fact resulted in a very misleading article.

Unfortunately, a handful of S&Ls in North Carolina have had some problems. Neither I, nor anyone else close to the savings industry in this state, will deny that. But compared to the thrift industries in the remaining 49 states, North Carolina has fared quite well. And compared to the savings and loans in Texas and California—the states on which your article focused—North Carolina's industry is *very* strong.

Let's take a look at the facts:

- The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) requires that savings institutions have a tangible capital-to-asset ratio of 1.5 percent. A total of 121 of North Carolina's 130 savings institutions met or exceeded that requirement at year-end 1989. Those institutions had an average tangible capital-to-asset ratio of 6.65 percent. This ratio is greater than that of the average commercial bank in this country. Thes 121 institutions made $75 million and had a return on assets of 0.42 percent.
- The number of profitable institutions was 110 in 1989 and they an average tangible capital-to-asset ratio of 7.33 percent. This group of institutions made $90 million and had an average return on assets of 0. percent.
- The 110 institutions that have remained profitable share a com characteristic in that they have remained faithful to their primary miss of residential mortgage lending. While these institutions offer other ty of loans, they have essentially shied away from commercial real estate loans and have remained primarily mortgage lenders.

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So, yes, taxpayers will have to help foot the bill to clean up the m made by some S&L bosses who let their hunger for financial success c shadow their good business sense. But let's not punish North Carolina savings industry simply by association. The majority of our savings and loans and savings banks have remained strong despite what those else where were doing.

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Lyme Disease On Rise For North Carolinians

The chances of contracting Lyme disease, a debilitating ailment spread by ticks in North Carolina, remain remote, but the odds may be better this year than in the past, according to a North Carolina State University scientist.

Lyme disease was discovered in 1975, when children in Old Lyme, CN, mysteriously developed arthritis. Doctors have since learned that arthritis can result from the disease.

The disease is concentrated in the Northeast and Midwest U.S., but seems to be spreading this way, said Dr. Charles S. Apperson, an entomologist in NCSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. North Carolina's first case of Lyme disease was diagnosed in 1983.

Since then only a few hundred cases have been reported, but the number has increased each year.

Deer ticks, which spread Lyme disease in the Northeast and Midwest (other species of ticks spread the disease in the Pacific Northwest and Europe), have not been found in North Carolina. However, the range of the deer tick is expanding and these ticks are now found as far south as Maryland, Dr. Apperson said.

While scientists believe Lyme disease is spread by ticks in North Carolina, they have not determined which ticks are disease carriers. Although lone star and black-legged ticks infected with the Lyme disease bacteria have been found in the state, these ticks may not be transmitting the disease.

The black-legged tick may be a good suspect. Tests indicate that it is capable of transmitting the Lyme disease bacteria to laboratory animals. And the black-legged tick is closely related to the deer tick. Indeed, some entomologists argue that the deer tick is not a separate species but simply a subspecies of black-legged tick, according to Dr. Apperson.

Lyme disease generally begins with flu-like symptoms—fatigue, headache, stiff neck, muscle aches, general discomfort. These symptoms may be followed by more serious neurologic and cardiac problems. The disease may cause encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, radiculitis, a inflammation of nerve roots; and Bell's palsy, a usually short-lived facial paralysis.

Cardiac abnormalities such as dizziness, shortness of breath a heart beat irregularities serious enough to require a pacemaker ha also been seen in Lyme disease patients. Fortunately, these sympto usually disappear in a few weeks.

Arthritis is a product of the final stage of the disease, and may occur as long as two years after infection. Sleep walking, memory mood swings and an inability to concentrate are also symptoms of final stage of the disease.

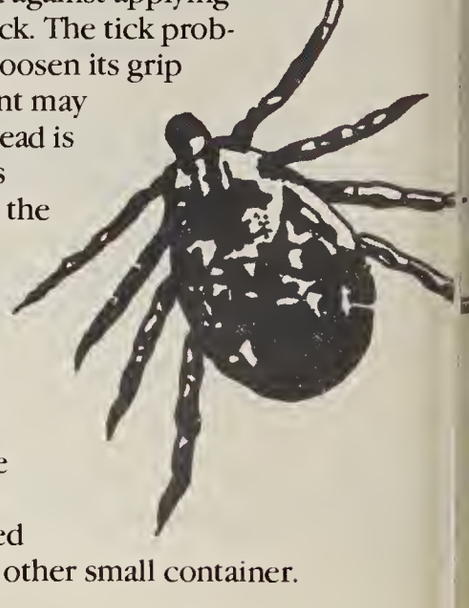
Lyme disease is not fatal. That's not true of another disease spread by ticks—Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which is quite common in North Carolina because it's spread by the American d tick. If untreated, Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be fatal.

Like Lyme disease, flulike symptoms are often among the first signs of Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Rashes are also early symptoms of both diseases. Lyme disease characteristically begins with rash at the site of the tick bite, while the Rocky Mountain spotted fever rash is measlelike, beginning at the wrists and ankles and spr ing to the rest of the body.

It is impossible to avoid ticks completely, Dr. Apperson poin out. The best defense against either disease is a thorough self insp tion for ticks after any potential exposure. A tick must be attache at least six hours before Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be tra mitted. Studies indicate that at least a 24-hour attachment is nece sary for the transmission of Lyme disease.

Finding ticks either before they become attached or shortly attachment is an important prevention measure. Various tick repe lents are available, but they should be used cautiously because th can cause allergic reactions, Dr. Apperson said, adding that the be way to remove a tick is to grasp it close to the skin and gently but firmly pull it free. Shield the fingers from the tick to avoid smearin its body fluids, which may be infectious, on the hands.

The entomologist advised against applying heat or any substance to the tick. The tick probably will not be persuaded to loosen its grip and the tick-releasing treatment may damage the skin. If the tick's head is left in the skin when the tick is removed use a needle to tease the head out.



People who are concerned about catching Rocky Mountain spotted fever or Lyme disease may want to save any tick they pull off themselves so that it can be identified if disease symptoms appear. Dr. Apperson suggested storing the tick in a pill vial or other small container.

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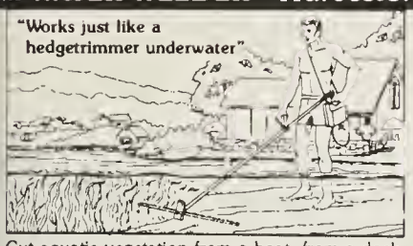

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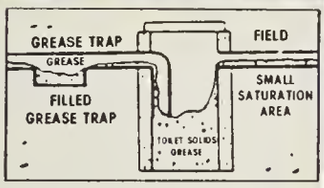

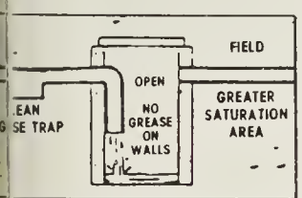

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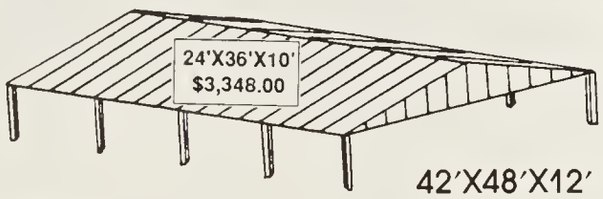

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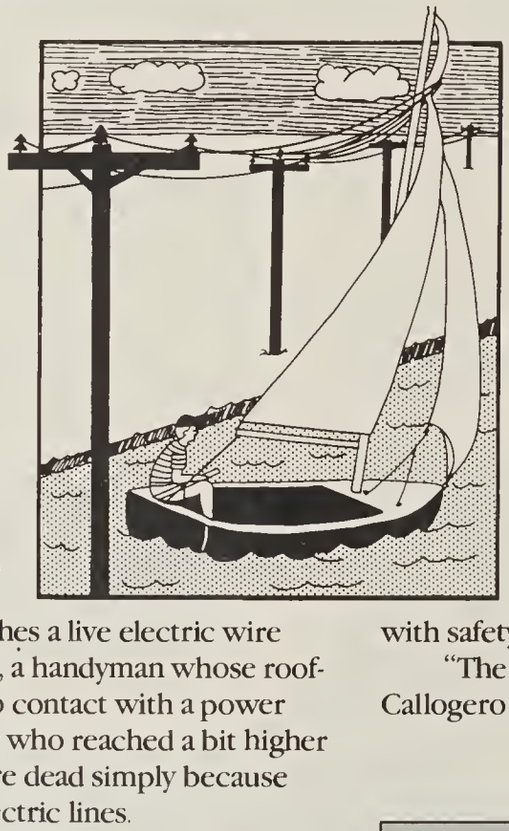
Eight-year-old William Foreman was climbing a tree. Antonio Gonzalez was taking down the TV antenna from his roof. And Mark Tracy was trimming shrubbery from around his home.

All three were enjoying summer's balmy days when they became unwitting victims of one of the season's greatest hazards: outdoor electrocution.



"With the advent of spring, we have to watch out more for the power lines above," says John W. Callogero, editor of the National Fire Protection Association's *National Electrical Code Handbook*. "There's more to do outside in spring and summer, but that also means more opportunity for getting hurt, if we're not careful."

A child who touches a live electric wire while playing in a tree, a handyman whose rooftop project comes into contact with a power line and a homeowner who reached a bit higher than he should have are dead simply because they didn't look for electric lines.

Summer means outdoor games, gardening and lawn care, boating, cleaning the pool and other fair-weather activities. Outdoor lovers can stay safe if they watch for overhead power lines and avoid touching them with their bodies or their equipment.

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which celebrated its seventh annual National Electrical Safety Month in May, hopes to teach consumers ways to avoid the dangers of electricity. Experts say people may be more at risk outside—where they least expect to run up against electricity.

"It's a less controlled environment outdoors," said Rand Scott Coggan, chief of the Naples, FL, fire department and chairman of the Health and Safety Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. "I don't think the dangers are quite as evident outdoors. And I think people are much less likely to look for electrical hazards outs

Precise statistics on the incidents of outdoor electrocution and caused by electricity are not available, but such incidents occur at le several hundred times a year, officials said.

In fact, a study of newspaper reports of such events by the Inte tional Association of Electrical Inspectors found 652 accidents invo utility lines alone during the first six months of 1989.

The dangers are not so great that people should fe their every step outdoors, but officials hope to heighte public awareness of the potential pitfalls people face if are not cautious while they're in seemingly harmless b yards, ball parks and garages.

"You can't see it, but it sure is there to bite you," C logero said. "That's the unfortunate thing about electri if you're not careful."

Being careful requires people to be conscious of t environment. The experts suggest that people inspect surroundings for electrical lines or outlets to ensure th they can stay away from them.

Public safety officials also recommend that parent warn their children to steer clear of electricity.

"While you might not want to deny your child the experience of climbing trees and flying kites, you can impress upon them that these activities may be carried with safety in mind," said a report issued by the National Safety Cou

"The life you save might be your own or that of a loved one," Callogero said.

—Rural Electric News Service

Some Suggestions For Avoiding Electricity's Bite

Experts have issued these suggestions for avoiding the hazards of electricity:

- Never use electrically run TVs, radios or other appliances near water or damp areas.
- Do not use electrical cords that are frayed or taped.
- Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters, which can be plug into outlets to reduce the risks of electrocution.
- Avoid using aluminum ladders and metal tools, especially around power lines and outlets.
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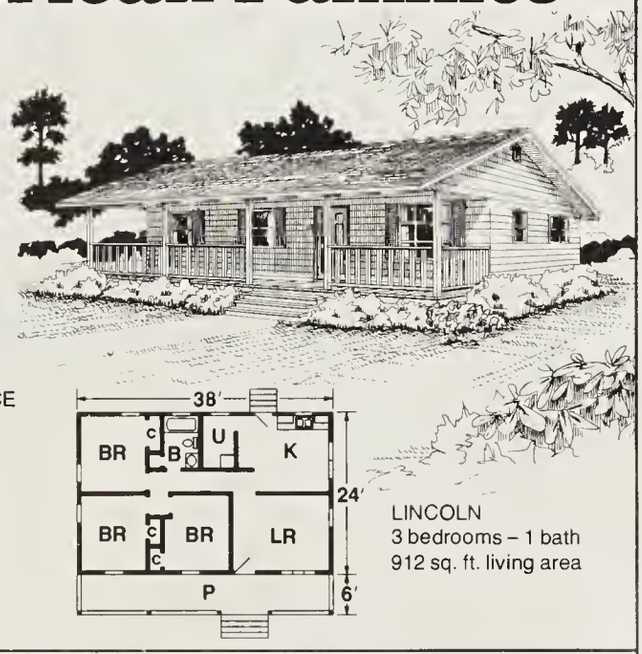

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Now's the time to take a close look at your landscape and garden while plants are in their prime. See if the landscape might be better arranged, planned and planted to increase your family's use and enjoyment.

Pushin' Petunias

Petunias have finished their first flush of bloom. Cut plants back several inches. This helps stimulate repeated bloom, even in hot weather.

If this is done periodically during summer, the plants should stay attractive well into autumn if well watered and fertilized.

Give New Plantings Plenty Of TLC

The first summer is critical in the life of trees and shrubs that were set out last fall or winter. The plants should do well if close attention is given to watering, mulching and controlling insects and diseases.

Just as with the lawn, vegetables and flowers, these plants respond best to deep watering once a week rather than frequent light sprinklings. It is helpful to make a circular mound of soil several feet from the trunks, creating shallow saucers to hold the water until it soaks to the roots. These mounds create reservoirs of water to prevent runoff.

A four- to six-inch mulch of small bark nuggets or pine needles will help conserve moisture, control weed growth and lower the soil temperature.

You'll want to inspect every few days to be sure there are no signs of insects and diseases. Keep these under control. Young, newly set plants often are weaker than established trees and shrubs, and are more susceptible. Your county agricultural agent's office will recommend the best control of insects and diseases.

Shrub Care

If spring-flowering shrubs have not yet been pruned, do the job now. You'll want to cut back new growth by one-third to one-half. Cut at the tips of the branches. This forces the plant to make bushier growth and encourages a more profuse production of blooms. Among shrubs to prune are mock orange, forsythia, deutzia, flowering quince, weigela, bush winter honeysuckle and spirea.

It's Time To:

- ☐ Cut about 1 1/2 inches from the shoo tips of your chrysanthemums. They'll branch and bloom more profusely in the fall.
- ☐ Feed nandinas with a complete fertilizer so their bright berries will last through the winter.
- ☐ Start stem cuttings of geraniums and begonias and leaf cuttings of succulents to be potted and used as houseplants over winter.
- ☐ Make frequent harvests of crops like beans, cucumbers, peppers and summer squash. They'll stop producing if allowed to mature and set seed.
- ☐ Give houseplants an outing by setting them on the porch, shaded patio or in a shaded spot in the garden. Those in porous clay pots can be planted, pot and all, in a shady garden spot.
- ☐ Make cuttings of azaleas, camellias, cornuta and burfordi hollies. Use new growth that has started to mature and harden.
- ☐ Make a list of new varieties you've seen growing in public gardens and neighbor's yards—those that you especially like and want to grow in your garden next year.
- ☐ Clip off faded blooms of rhododendrons to prevent seed formation which takes energy from the plants.
- ☐ Keep on the alert for black spot and mildew on roses. They usually need one spraying a week, often two.
- ☐ Plant dahlias for fall flowering. Stake time of planting to prevent damage that can be done by late staking. As tubers sprout, use old pantyhose to tie them to the stakes for support.

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ere's still time to seeds of beans, eas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupe and watermelon. Continue to set out started plants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and sweet potatoes.

Now that the soil has warmed, it's time to plant okra and melons.

Water Camellias And Azaleas

During the summer months it is especially important to give camellias and azaleas plenty of water. Apply the water slowly—a soaker hose is most effective.

Whenever camellia flower buds drop during the winter, the cause may be a lack of moisture the previous summer.

Bedding Plants

If you want an abundance of color in flower beds and borders, there are a number of annuals you can depend on to provide it. Sow seeds of marigolds, zinnias, calendulas and nasturtiums within the next few weeks. Transplant rooted mum cuttings directly to the garden.

Be sure plants are well watered and fertilized regularly to keep them growing strongly.

Trim Cannas For Summer Beauty

About this time of summer, canna lilies often give the appearance of being "on the decline" in the landscape scene. Although they seem to thrive on neglect, they'll reward with profuse flowering throughout the summer if pruned now.

When the flower spikes begin to fade, cut away the old stalk just above the first set of leaves. Use sharp clippers so as not to leave a ragged edge. A new flowering stalk will form just below the cut.

You'll want to take care not to cut away any shoots with buds that may already be forming just below the faded blooms.

The foliage can be kept healthy and dark green by fertilizing every six weeks. Use four cups of 6-6-6 per 100 square feet of bed space. Don't let plants grow in dry soil for long periods of time. They need a good soaking at least once a week.

If you've not grown cannas, it may be well to find a spot in the landscape for a clump of these showy, easy-to-grow tubers. They're not particular as to soil type. However, the richer the soil, the larger will be foliage and blooms. A mixture of dry manure in the soil will produce wonderful growth. Make the canna bed in sun or partial shade.

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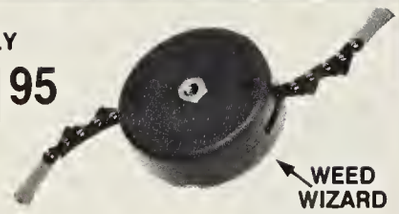

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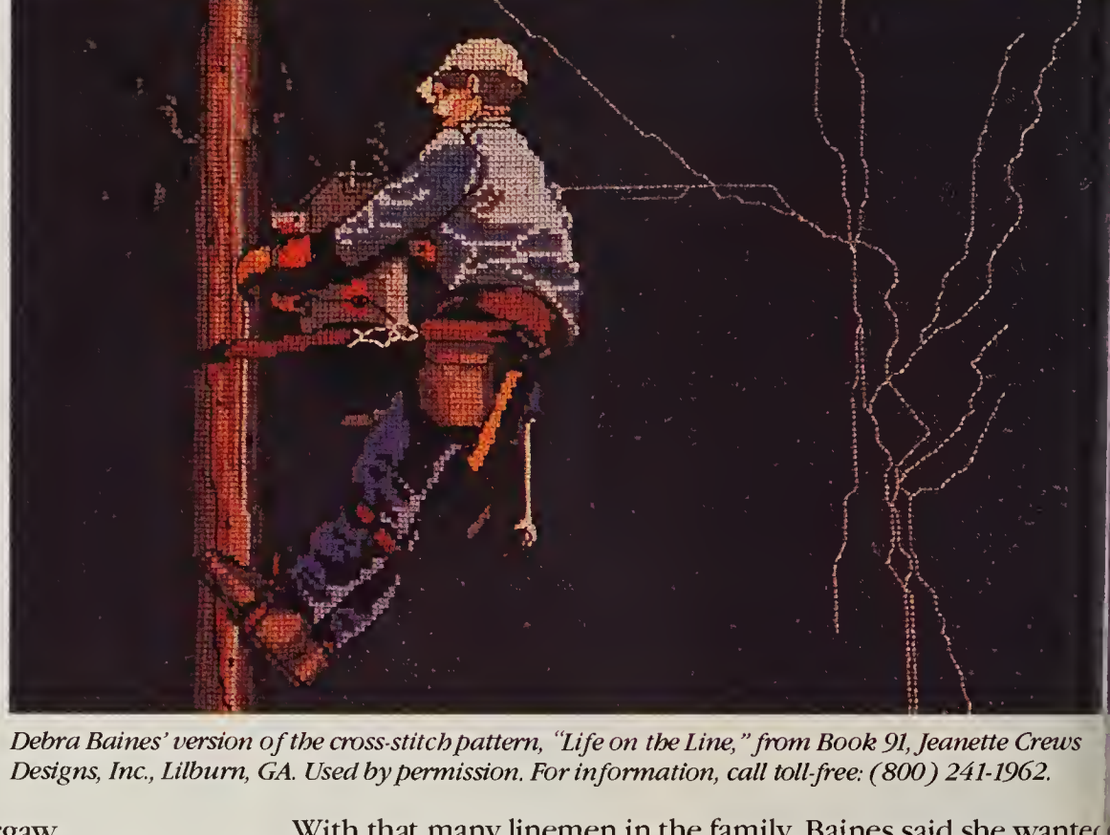

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As soon as Debra Baines heard of a cross-stitch pattern that featured a lineman, she knew what her next project would be.

Her motivation came from the fact that she has been surrounded by linemen all her life.

"I was born and raised around linemen," she said.

She's not stretching the truth, either. A resident of Ocean Isle Beach in Brunswick County, Baines' father, Clyde Millard, is a lineman with Sumter Builders in Sumter, SC, and worked for 16 years with Four County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Burgaw.

In addition, her husband, Michael, is a line foreman with Brunswick EMC, Shallotte. And her brother, Barry Millard, and brother-in-law, Donald Todd, are linemen with Sumter Builders.

With that many linemen in the family, Baines said she wanted do something to pay homage to the men who work so hard to kee lights burning.

She began the project in January after finally finding the cross stitch pattern she was looking for. Soon, she found herself workin every spare minute of the day trying to complete the complex pat which is titled, "Life on the Line."

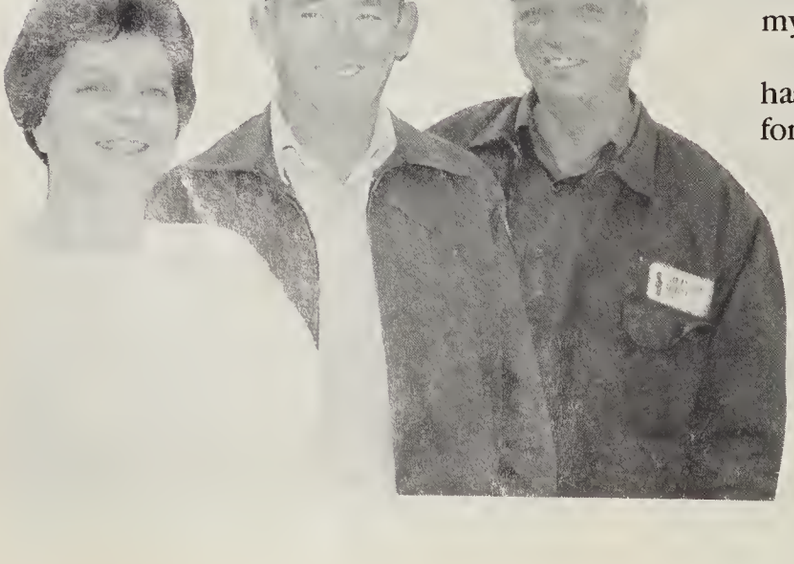
She finished the task in a mere two weeks, putting in more th 100 hours on the project.

"After I started, I just wanted to finish it," she said. "I t myself to work every night on it."

The completed work, which now hangs in the Baine has inspired several requests for her to work the same pa for other people.

So far, she has turned down all the requests bec she's already busy doing another lineman pattern. It's t "Portrait of a Lineman."

—Randy Wi



Debra Baines of Ocean Isle was inspired to do cross-stitch pi with lineman motifs because she was "born and raised ar linemen." Her family includes four: her father, her husban brother and her brother-in-law. With her are husband Mich Baines, center, and father Clyde Millard. Photo by Philip M Brunswick EMC.

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A total of 20 incumbents have been elected to the Board of Directors North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) at recent al Meetings:

• **Edgecombe-Martin County EMC,** Tarboro—Re-elected were: Lee Jr. of Rt. 3, Washington; Floyd Harrell of Rt. 4, Tarboro and Elbert tt of Rt. 1, Pinetops.

Officers for the coming year are: Alice E. Wilson of Tarboro, presi- Dennis Briley of Hassell, vice president; Noel Lee Jr., secretary and R. Grimes of Rt. 2, Battleboro, treasurer.

• **French Broad EMC,** Marshall—Re-elected were: Albert Freeman rshall; Joseph G. Justice of Hot Springs, I. E. Clevenger of Burnsville arnell Cooke of Bakersville.

Officers for the coming year are: John O. Corbett of Marshall, presi- Bill Riddle of Burnsville, vice president; I. E. Clevenger, secretary and Freeman, treasurer.

• **Jones-Onslow EMC,** Jacksonville—Re-elected were: Archie Horne 2, Beulaville; Hugh L. Batts of Hampstead and Edward T. Cole of Rt. 2, nville.

Officers for the coming year are: Archie Horne, president; Clifton D. of Rt. 5, Kinston, vice president and Marvin H. Manning of Rt. 3, nds, secretary-treasurer.

• **Piedmont EMC,** Hillsborough—Re-elected were: Marvin L. Poy- of Chapel Hill; Paul L. Bailey of Rt. 5, Roxboro; Elvin L. Bass of Rt. 2, mont and H. J. Kinley of Rt. 2, Mebane.

Officers for the coming year are: Richard C. Roberts of Rt. 1, Hills- gh, president; C. Franklin Murphy of Rt. 3, Mebane, vice president; n L. Poythress, secretary and Alvin H. Hawkins of Rt. 1, Hurdle Mills, rer.

• **South River EMC,** Dunn—Re-elected were: Kyle Harrington of Broadway; Harvey Flowers of Rt. 2, Four Oaks and Leroy Autry of Autryville.

Officers for the coming year are: Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, president; Charles Collier of Rt. 1, Linden, vice president; Ralph Johnson of Rt. 1, Roseboro, secretary and Harvey Flowers, treasurer.

• **Wake EMC,** Wake Forest—Re-elected were: Roger L. Moss of Rt. 1, Kittrell; Roy Ed Jones Jr. of Rt. 3, Wake Forest and C. Braxton Creech of Rt. 2, Kenly.

Officers for the coming year are: John M. Ferrell of Rt. 5, Durham, president; Roy Ed Jones Jr., vice president; Robert Joe Eddins of Rt. 3, Zebulon, secretary and J. Howard Conyers of Rt. 1, Franklinton.

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Senior Discounts Can Mean Substantial Saving

Older North Carolinians have long enjoyed senior discounts for a variety of goods and services—even without seeking them out. Sometimes it pays handsomely to plan purchases so you can qualify for such special prices. And, it's often worth the effort to ask if discounts are available.

Two recent case histories illustrate:

• One retiree enjoyed watching television but her old set had seen its best days. She told a friend she would replace it with a new model that had all the latest features. When the friend offered to go with her to the department store when she made the purchase, the shopping trip was planned for the following Tuesday.

"We need to wait until Tuesday because that's when I can use my 'club' privilege," the retiree said, adding that the "club" allowed her a 10 percent discount on any purchases made on Tuesdays. That meant a $75 savings on the first class TV set.

• Two couples, both past 65 years of age, planned a three-day vi Charleston, South Carolina, recently. When they made their reservati a major chain hotel in Charleston, they asked if a senior rate might ap The price dropped from $100 a night to $75. Since two rooms were needed for two nights, the foursome enjoyed total savings of $100—w helped with meals and other expenses.

Older folks generally purchase more prescription medicine than children and grandchildren. And it is a rare pharmacy that does not e some kind of discount on prescriptions for their older customers. Son times you need a special card, sometimes only evidence of your age– driver's license is acceptable. Some drugstores allow 10 percent. Oth which routinely offer discounted prices, make it 5 percent. But this i important factor to customers who must take a lot of medicine.

In a day when movie houses in North Carolina charge up to $7 f adult admission, almost all of them will let their older customers in fo about half that amount.

How old do you have to be to qualify for such discounts? Some a fairly strict: no discount until you're 65 years old. The age is seldom h than that. But some discounts are allowed membership in the American Association Retired Persons, the N. C. Senior Citizens A ciation, or with some other card that's easy recognize. You can join these groups at age

Fast food restaurants, found in every p North Carolina, make a specialty of senior counts. Some require a card that's available the asking and allow cardholders a 10 perc discount on all purchases. Others will prov coffee or a soft drink free with any sandwi

Don't hesitate to ask. This can be the h obtaining discounts.

Some stores, theatres, eating places a other businesses have signs about their dis counts. Some restaurants even feature a "S Special" on the menu in addition to their r offerings. Often the senior seafood platter look exactly like the regular version. But s times the portions are slightly smaller.

Some places extend senior discounts day of the week while others, like the dep ment store that offered the deluxe televisi offer its "club" discount on only one day o week. To folks who hunt bargains, these d counts and free drinks can be a real bonus

So if you're the right age, ask that key tion the next time you're about to buy son thing: "Any senior discount?" There's no s in making an effort to save money.

New Credit Cards Use Savings As Collateral

If your search of senior discounts is limited because you have no major credit card, you could be in the market for a new type of card that's being heavily promoted these days. It's designed for people who can't qualify for conventional cards because they have a confused credit record or have been involved in a bankruptcy.

It could be considered a "last resort" card that would be used primarily for identification purposes, for auto rentals and telephone orders. It is a "collateralized" credit card, a term based on the word "collateral" as it applies in traditional bank loans. If you borrow money to buy a car, the car itself becomes collateral. For these new credit cards, the collateral is even more reliable.

Here's how it works: You get an application blank and send it in with an application fee, which often is not refundable. You are approved. Then, to get the card, you make a savings deposit, usually $500 or more, with the bank. You earn interest on the savings and you are issued your MasterCard or Visa, with a credit line exactly matching to the amount you have in the savings account.

When you charge your restaurant meal, or other goods or services, you are, in effect, borrowing money with your own funds serving as collateral. And you pay interest on the borrowing of up to 21 percent.

This "last resort" card could work well for those who have no other option. But you might do a lot better by going by your own bank and talking about the proposition. Your bank credit might be better than you think it is.

Where The Lilies Bloom, by Vera and Bill
er. Harper & Row. 213 pages. $2.95.

Based upon the lives of mountain people in
e, this fascinating fiction shows in depth
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ade is in error.

t 14, Mary Call Luther became titular head
household when her father was dying. She
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l prepared; that she keep her brother and
together and that she not let 18-year-old
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Shirley Sullivan

e Summer People by John Foster West.
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r People blossoms into an interesting
of reality and fiction.

est, a native of Wilkes County who has
teacher at Appalachian State University
for more than 20 years, uses his vast knowledge of Western North Carolina to provide the backdrop for this story, which takes place in 1974.

After only six months of marriage and six years of seeing her Navy pilot husband listed among Vietnam's Missing In Action, Anna DeVoss must finally confront a funeral and a folded flag. They're not enough to convince her that Pete is, indeed, gone.

Not until she spends time at the DeVoss family's summer cabin in Watauga County is she able to realize that he is dead. And, through the help of the locals, Anna also realizes that she is still very much alive.

Although West's detailed descriptions inhibit the pace of the story in the first chapter, the rest of the novel moves steadily along, carefully weaving the rich heritage of the mountain people into Anna's own story.

It's easy to understand how this volume won the first Appalachian Consortium Fiction Award. With its many descriptions of wild flowers and waterfalls, of Grandfather Mountain's features and explanations of how Blowing Rock got its name, West does a fine job of making the Appalachian setting an integral part of his tale.

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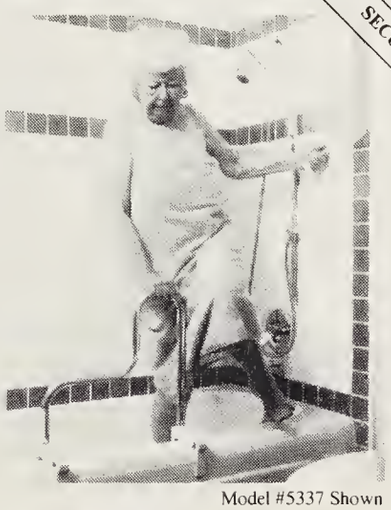

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Three New "Cogent Comments"

Bill Humphries, retired Agricultural Extension Service information specialist, called to share three "cogent comments" he'd collected after our March issue was devoted to bumper sticker slogans and bulletin board wisdom. Here they are:

- If things are going easier for you lately, maybe it's because you're going downhill.
- If we keep going the way we're headed, we're going to end up in this direction.
- Go out on a limb! That's where the fruit is.

Terminally-Ill British Youth Hoping For A World Record

If you're interested in helping a terminally-ill British youngster realize a dream, just drop him a get well card. Craig Shergold, 7, who has only a short time to live because of a tumor, hopes to have an entry in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for having received the largest number of such cards for an individual. Send your cards to him at 36 Shelby Road, Carshaton, Gurrey SN8 LTD, England. Keep in mind that the postage rate for mail going to England is 45 cents per half-ounce.

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"Mystery Anchorman" Unmaske

The case of the "mystery anchorman" has been solved!

I did, indeed, see Morton Dean reporting the news of Ava Gardn death in January. I erred in thinking that he was doing so from a CBS News studio. He's been with ABC News since September, 1988.

The mystery developed when questions arose about which new man I'd seen on TV describing the actress as "a *South* Carolina girl." wrote about the error in the February column, soundly rapping the knuckles of the CBS News team's writers for their sloppy research. W just a little digging, I ranted, they could have learned that Ava was a n of Johnston County, *North* Carolina. That critique should have been aimed at ABC News. Apologies to all the folks at CBS.

After that column appeared, Douglass Rudkoff, one of our reade wrote me a note, asking if Morton Dean hadn't moved to ABC. I was convinced that I'd seen him on CBS I never followed up on the tip w ABC. Instead, we called CBS and learned that Dean was no longer wi that network. Try PBS, a CBS spokesperson suggested.

Expecting that to lead us to another deadend, we called a trade cation that keeps up with news media types. It's PBS, we were told. T left me scratching my head about how I could have seen Dean doing fateful broadcast, which could not have been on PBS.

As a result, I used the April column to ask our readers about thi tle mystery, thinking one of them might have seen the same erroneo report I'd seen. I offered to send a small gift to anyone who'd write r about it, even if it hadn't been Morton Dean.

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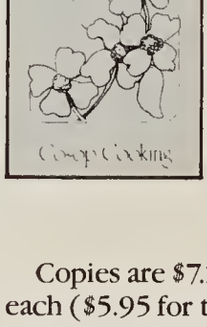

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By Owen Bishop

few days after the April magazine was mailed, I saw Ol' Morton
ing the morning newscast on ABC. I realized immediately that my
ppy research had spawned the whole mystery. When Rudkoff
o us, a quick call to that network would have settled the question.
inally made that call to ABC, somewhat belatedly, to ask about
The network provided a complete biography of the newsman, who
title "ABC News Special Correspondent, New York."
veteran of 30 years as a journalist, Dean was with CBS from 1967
. Earlier in this career, he was a radio and television reporter in
husetts and New York. Before joining ABC, he was a free-lance
r-writer-producer.
nly one reader responded to our appeal for an identification of the
y anchorman." Marie Cuthbertson of Como offered a guess: "We
magazine a lot. I think the mystery anchorman is Ted Koppel.
is spelled right. Keep up the good work!" She apparently didn't
broadcast but we'll send her a gift for taking time to write.
also like to reward Douglass Rudkoff for trying to set us straight
lorton Dean's network. However, his postcard note carried no
ddress. Send me your address, Mr. R., and I'll send you a gift, too.

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unjustly scolding CBS News in February, I pointed out that Wil-
n native Charles Kuralt could have helped his CBS colleagues to
ly identify Ava Gardner's home state. If we'd had our networks
e could have suggested another Wilmington native to play that
BC: David Brinkley.
llow-up item about Kuralt in April mentioned that he has ties to
Tar Heel towns. One of them was Charlotte, where Kuralt began
alism career. His father, Wallace H. Kuralt, was director of the
burg County Department of Social Services for 27 years. He
n 1972.
e Kuralt family has been in the news recently because of a fund-
ampaign to establish an academic chair in honor of the elder
n the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at
Hill. Sons Charles and Wallace, Jr. of Chapel Hill, owner of the
Bookshop, launched the fund-raising effort, which has now been
ded at $333,000. Matching state funds will be sought to complete
owment of $500,000.

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aking of endowed professorships at Chapel Hill, the UNC School
alism recently announced that it has also completed a successful
n to establish a professorship—this one in honor of the late
pearman. In that case, too, a total of $333,000 was raised and
g funds of $167,000 will be requested to establish the teaching

arman, who taught me and about 5,000 other students during
ar career at the university, died in 1987.

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